

## **EXHIBIT B**



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**VIA FAX**

Mr. Robert Welsh  
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1250 S. Grove Avenue, Suite 200  
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Dear Bob:

We would like to confirm that the Conference acknowledges the confidential nature of the Business Plan, dated May 1998, for Big Ten Development. However, in that regard, we wish to notify you that many of the concepts set forth in the Business Plan have been considered from time to time by the Conference and other entities that have contacted the Conference. Accordingly, we cannot agree that such concepts are your proprietary property.

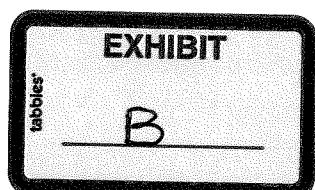
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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James E. Delany  
Commissioner

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